

applications pending in District Industries Centres, Ahmedabad and Gandhi Nagar were 311 and 40 respectively as on 1.5.2000 under the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana as per the report received from the State Government of Gujarat.

(b) The applications are processed by the District Industries Centre Task Force Committee in its meeting generally held twice a month and not on day to day basis. The pending applications were processed along with the fresh applications received in the Month of May, 2000.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of the (c) above.

Trade related entrepreneurship assistance for Rural Women

2785. SHRI BACHANI LAKHRAJ: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the pilot project on Trade Related Entrepreneurship Assistance and Development (TREAD) for rural women has been sanctioned for Gujarat;

(b) if so, the year of sanctioning this programme and the norms prescribed under the scheme; and

(c) the assistance provided to the State during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) A pilot project under the Trade Related Entrepreneurship Assistance and Development scheme for women was sanctioned for Gujarat in 1996-97.

Under the scheme, assistance in the form of loans, grants, trade related training, information and extension activities relating to

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produce and market development are provided to women entrepreneurs through the Non-Governmental Organisations. Government grant component is upto one-third of the total project cost.

(c) A grant of Rs. 20 lakhs only has been sanctioned for the pilot project for the State of Gujarat in 1996-97. No further sanction has been made under the scheme for the State of Gujarat thereafter.

Funds utilised by KVIC

2786. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Khadi and Village Industries Commission fails to utilize half of the funds it received for Rural Employment Generation Programme;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) details of the employment generated by KVIC through REGP during last two years;

(d) whether the Government propose to create any agency to monitor the activities of KVIC; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The details of the employment generated through the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) during the years 1998-99 and 1999-2000 are as under:—